

MEBANE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MEBANE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 27, 2007

Members Present: Tim Bradley
Bob Hupman
Everette Greene

Ed Hooks
Patty Philipps

Mayor Glendel Stephenson called the Special Meeting of the Mebane City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. under the picnic shelter at Lake Michael Park. The purpose of the meeting was to tour the Park and to discuss proposed development at Lake Michael as well as other proposed Capital Projects.

Dereck Williams, a Landscape Architect with Site Solutions, reviewed the Preliminary Master Plan that he had prepared for the proposed new development of Lake Michael Park. The Preliminary Plan proposed that the project be completed in three phases.

Phases 1 includes a new entrance drive, construction of a recreation area near the Visitor Center, and improvements to the Visitor Center. The estimated cost for this phase is \$759,073.99.

Phase 2 includes an extension of the park road, construction of a recreation area near an amphitheater, and renovation of existing amenities. The estimated cost for this phase is \$559,566.32.

Phase 3 includes a trail system and park entrance amenities. The estimated cost for this phase is \$569,886.24. The proposed project estimated total cost is \$1,888,526.24.

The Council discussed the relocation of the entrance drive that is proposed under Phase 1 to be built to the west of the property and the existing drive. Concerns were expressed about the need to eliminate existing large trees and the loss of the natural areas they provide. Mr. Williams recommended that the City not pave the driveway and parking where it currently exists. He noted that the City could phase the project any way that it wanted. Restroom renovations were cited as a primary need.

In response to concerns of the Council about the loss of trees, Mr. Williams explained that a more detailed study could be completed for an estimated \$50,000 to determine exactly where the road would go.

The Council also discussed other proposed Capital Projects. The renovation of the old Recreation Center, which also houses the Mebane Historical Museum, at

the Corner of Second and Lee Street was discussed, including the possibilities of an addition to the existing facility.

Ken Stafford, an architect with Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc., discussed updating the façade at City Hall with the Council. He plans to meet individually with Council members to determine the concept of how they would like for the City Hall façade to look.

The Council also received an update on the proposed costs for the renovations needed at the old Mebane Fire Station at the corner of Fourth and Washington Streets.

Additional information was received from Duke Energy concerning the relocation of Electrical Facilities along Clay Street from N. Third Street to N. Fifth Street. Cost estimates received from Duke Energy totaled \$572,591.13 and don't include the relocation of other utilities and are based on the assumption that the necessary right of ways can be obtained. City Manager Robert Wilson, City Attorney Charles Bateman and Mayor Stephenson were requested to meet with Duke Energy representatives to try to negotiate lower prices for the work.

The construction of a Fire Training Tower was discussed. A proposal was received from Fire Facilities, Inc. of Wisconsin which estimated the Freight and Materials to be \$212,480.00. The erection of a 4-story training tower was estimated to be \$93,550.

No formal action was taken by the Council. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Glendel Stephenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine J. Hicks, City Clerk